(c) whether Government have any plan to enhance their salary in consideration of significance of their jobs;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, the programme in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The terms and conditions of recruitment of teachers is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned, irrespective of source of funding. 8% of teachers recruited in the country are local teachers whose remuneration varies from Rs. 1000/- per month to about Rs. 5000/ per month, in different States.

Commercialisation of education

780. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to commercialisation of education, the needy and the bright poor children are unable to proceed for higher education;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to assist these children; and

(c) whether Government are considering to set up any monitoring authority to control these commercialized educational institutions other than AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The National policy on Education is against commercialization of education. For the advancement of students belonging to weaker sections in the matter of admission to all educational institutions, provisions of article 15(5) of the constitution are now in force. Each state is empowered to make laws in keeping with local conditions covering all matters including reservation of seats, differential fee structure and admission procedure.